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This summary presents results of a May 1988 survey of occupational wages in the Raleigh-Durham Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, which consists of Durham, Orange, and Wake Counties. This is 1 of over 100 areas which the Bureau of Labor Statistics surveys annually or every other year at the request of the Employment Standards Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor for use in administering the Service Contract Act of 1965. In addition, the Bureau conducts more extensive studies of occupational wages and related benefits in 90 other areas throughout the United States. For information on these reports and other Bureau publications, contact any BLS regional office identified on the back page.

This study covered establishments employing 50 workers or more in manufacturing; transportation, communication, and other public utilities; wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and selected services. A sample of 118 establishments employing 57,199 workers was selected to represent 473 establishments employing 117,981 workers in the area. Data collected in the sample of establishments were projected to represent all establishments within the scope of the survey.

Table 1 provides hourly earnings information on office and plant workers employed in selected occupations common to a variety of industries. Occupational classification was based on a uniform set of job descriptions designed to take account of variations in job duties among establishments. The job descriptions used in the survey are available on request. (See table 2 for further information on the scope of the survey.)

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Table 1. Hourly earnings[1] of selected occupations in Raleigh-Durham, NC, May 1988

Occupation[2]	Number of workers	Hourly earnings (in dollars)[1]			Number of workers receiving straight-time hourly earnings (in dollars) of —																						
		Mean	Median	Middle range	3.35 and under 3.50	3.50 – 4.00	4.00 – 4.50	4.50 – 5.00	5.00 – 5.50	5.50 – 6.00	6.00 – 6.50	6.50 – 7.00	7.00 – 7.50	7.50 – 8.00	8.00 – 8.50	8.50 – 9.00	9.00 – 9.50	9.50 – 10.00	10.00 – 10.50	10.50 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.00	12.00 – 13.00	13.00 – 14.00	14.00 – 15.00	15.00 – 16.00	16.00 – 17.00	17.00 and over
Secretaries	1,897	9.73	9.47	8.21–10.83	-	-	-	-	-	2	11	87	132	222	161	153	209	192	203	121	161	121	60	45	30	3	4
Secretaries I	617	8.33	8.05	7.54– 9.23	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	59	78	162	84	47	83	42	81	6	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
Secretaries II	380	8.89	8.89	7.90– 9.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	42	44	41	56	64	70	15	11	4	6	3	-	-	-	-
Secretaries III	556	10.25	10.03	9.20–10.96	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	16	36	40	82	78	93	62	56	35	19	20	5	-	-
Secretaries IV	300	12.06	11.76	11.04–12.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	31	39	94	69	35	17	12	-	1
Secretaries V	41	14.43	14.63	12.98–15.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	5	3	6	13	3	3
Word processors	198	8.47	8.20	7.36– 9.48	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	23	25	35	19	17	43	7	6	9	3	4	-	1	-	-	-
Word processors I	133	8.40	8.00	7.26– 9.48	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	16	18	18	15	7	34	4	4	9	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Word processors II	65	8.62	8.25	7.50– 9.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	17	4	10	9	3	2	-	1	4	-	1	-	-	-
Key entry operators	634	6.81	6.73	6.13– 7.25	-	-	-	26	50	52	125	131	115	59	20	8	22	6	11	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators I	455	6.51	6.38	5.75– 7.24	-	-	-	26	50	52	118	75	47	53	14	-	17	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Key entry operators II	179	7.56	7.00	6.75– 7.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	56	68	6	6	8	5	2	10	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
File clerks	84	6.00	5.72	5.13– 6.46	-	-	-	-	36	15	16	6	3	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
File clerks II	45	6.33	6.19	5.75– 6.73	-	-	-	-	6	12	15	5	3	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Messengers	16	5.72	5.91	5.80– 6.33	-	-	3	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switchboard operators	52	6.33	6.43	5.74– 7.53	-	-	4	-	6	4	12	6	4	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer data librarians	17	7.64	6.87	5.77– 8.64	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	4	2	-	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters	104	11.06	11.64	9.98–11.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	6	3	3	6	4	44	14	3	7	-	-	-
Drafters II	25	9.62	8.55	7.50–11.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	2	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters III	31	10.45	11.00	9.00–11.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	2	2	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drafters IV	39	11.72	11.69	11.03– 12.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	15	14	1	-	-	-	-
Electronics technicians	1,081	11.05	10.70	10.00–12.38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	10	85	82	29	35	202	138	163	119	100	35	41	7	9
Electronics technicians I	268	8.70	8.65	8.33– 8.97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	10	85	82	28	18	9	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electronics technicians II	690	11.55	10.98	10.28–12.43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	17	193	136	137	72	89	8	25	3	9
Electronics technicians III	123	13.36	12.55	12.38–14.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	47	11	27	16	4	-
Maintenance carpenters	11	13.21	15.92	- -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	1	-
Maintenance electricians	107	13.63	14.33	11.32–15.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	12	4	15	30	26	3	-
Maintenance mechanics (machinery)	159	11.04	10.98	9.30–13.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	3	-	-	12	4	15	30	26	3	-
Motor vehicle mechanics	145	11.93	11.75	10.15–14.03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	24	-	20	6	13	45	-	-	-	-
General maintenance workers	190	7.40	7.50	5.50– 8.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	10	-	6	20	12	16	16	22	12	18	19	-	-
Tool and die makers	105	14.02	14.30	13.69–14.30	-	-	-	12	18	15	6	14	4	19	16	38	22	6	8	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-
Stationary engineers	22	13.57	13.40	11.20–15.92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	3	-	2	9	-
Truckdrivers	895	11.37	10.91	9.75–15.44	-	-	-	-	13	50	28	29	19	24	9	5	2	142	122	5	62	111	-	-	274	-	-
Truckdrivers, medium truck	302	12.76	15.44	11.49–15.44	-	-	-	-	-	22	13	6	6	20	3	1	1	-	-	-	38	12	-	-	180	-	-
Truckdrivers, heavy truck	27	8.30	7.00	6.55–10.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	6	-	-	-	1	2	-	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
Truckdrivers, tractor-trailer	405	11.40	11.65	10.06–12.50	-	-	-	-	5	18	9	19	7	4	4	3	-	-	122	1	21	98	-	-	94	-	-
Material handling laborers	57	8.89	9.50	7.31–10.10	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	2	4	-	-	-	-	24	7	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guards	341	4.86	4.20	3.60– 5.04	17	115	93	17	29	14	8	14	5	8	-	-	-	1	4	1	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guards I	341	4.86	4.20	3.60– 5.04	17	115	93	17	29	14	8	14	5	8	-	-	-	1	4	1	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Janitors, porters, and cleaners	2,057	3.97	3.80	3.50– 4.00	453	859	470	72	81	26	27	4	28	4	19	-	-	1	4	1	15	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts. Also excluded are performance bonuses and lump-sum payments of the type negotiated in the auto and aerospace industries, as well as profit-sharing payments, attendance bonuses, Christmas or year-end bonuses, and other nonproduction bonuses. Pay increases—but not bonuses—under cost-of-living allowance clauses and incentive payments, however, are included. Hourly earnings reported for salaried workers are derived from regular salaries divided by the corresponding standard hours of work. The wages of learners, apprentices, and handicapped workers are excluded. The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The median designates position—one-half of the workers receive the same as or more than this rate and one-half receive the same as or less than this rate. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth of the workers earn the same as or less than the lower of these rates and one-fourth earn the same as or more than the higher rate. Middle ranges are not provided when fewer than 15 workers are reported.

[2] For occupations with more than one level, data are included in the overall classification when a subclassification is not shown or information to subclassify is not available.

Table 2. Establishments and workers within scope of survey and number studied in Raleigh-Durham, NC,[1] May 1988

Industry division[2]	Minimum employment in establishments in scope of survey	Number of establishments		Workers in establishments		
		Within scope of survey[3]	Studied	Within scope of survey[3]		Studied
				Number	Percent	
All divisions	50	473	118	117,981	100	57,199
Manufacturing	50	126	27	47,905	41	23,874
Nonmanufacturing[4]	50	347	91	70,076	59	33,325

[1] The Raleigh-Durham Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget through February 1974, consists of Durham, Orange, and Wake Counties. The "workers within scope of survey" estimates shown in this table provide a reasonably accurate description of the size and composition of the labor force included in the survey. The estimates are not intended, however, to serve as a basis for comparison with other statistical series to measure employment trends or levels since (1) planning of wage surveys requires the use of establishment data compiled considerably in advance of the payroll period studied, and (2) small establishments are excluded from the scope of the survey.

[2] The 1972 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification Manual* was used to classify establishments by industry division. All government operations are excluded from the scope of the survey.

[3] Includes all establishments with total employment at or above the minimum limitation. All outlets (within a metropolitan area or nonmetropolitan county) of nonmanufacturing companies are considered as one establishment when located within the same industry division.

[4] Includes all workers in all establishments with total employment (within the area) at or above the minimum limitation.

[5] Includes transportation, communication, and other public utilities (excluding taxicabs and services incidental to water transportation); wholesale trade; retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; hotels and other lodging places; personal services; business services; automotive repair services and garages; motion pictures; membership organizations (excluding religious organizations); and miscellaneous services. Major industries excluded from this survey are agriculture, mining, construction, and some services (notably educational institutions and medical services).

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[1] In 1988, this area is scheduled to be surveyed under the Bureau's regular area wage survey program.

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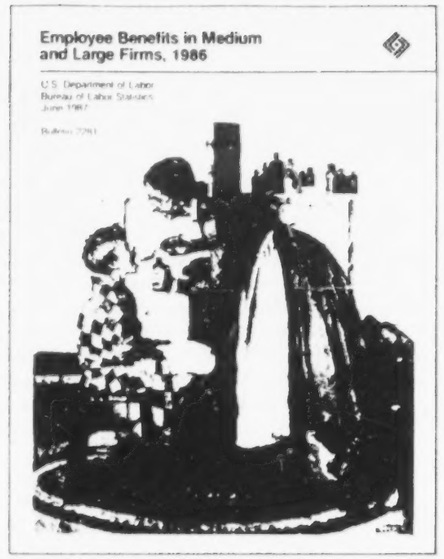
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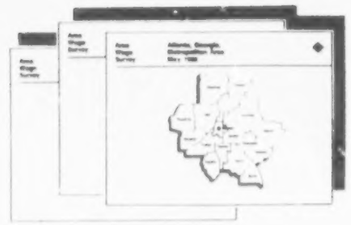

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